

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the Awards Committee meeting on November 25, 2025. The committee met virtually. The following business was conducted:

I. Call to Order

Chair Julie Pile welcomed the committee members and guests viewing the livestream to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 2:32 P.M. ET.

II. Roll Call

Julie Pile asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Alfonso De Torres Núñez (joined at 2:35 P.M.), Julie Pile, and Lu Young. No members were absent. GlyptusAnn Grider Jones stated that a quorum was present.

III. Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award

A. Review of Criteria for Selecting the Recipient of the Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award

Chair Pile provided an overview and brief discussion of the criteria for the Kelly Award. She said that “the 2025 Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award seeks to recognize a public school district that has demonstrated a strong commitment to developing and/or implementing a localized accountability system.” She also stated that “criteria for the award includes notable efforts in supporting the development and/or successful implementation of localized accountability systems, evidence of localized co-creation to define student success, including strong consideration of parental engagement, community partnerships and non-academic factors affecting school quality and the overall schooling experience in the development of the local accountability system, and evidence of collective commitment to create learning experiences that are relevant, authentic, and joyful for every learner. This includes efforts to design and promote vibrant learning experiences for all students, as well as professional development and support for staff focused on vibrant learning experiences.”

B. Review and Discussion of Nominations for the Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award

Chair Pile then explained that committee members were asked to review the candidates prior to the meeting using a provided rubric. All members positively commented on the qualifications of candidate 4.

C. Approve Recommendation of Individual(s) as the Recipient of the Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award

The committee determined that its top applicant was candidate 4. A vote was necessary to bring the recommendation before the full board for consideration of approval at its December 3, 2025 regular meeting. Based on the candidate's extraordinary efforts and contributions in the area of local accountability, Chair Pile asked the committee to entertain a motion to approve candidate 4 as the recipient of the 2025 Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award. The motion was made by Lu Young and seconded by Alfonso De Torres Núñez. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

IV. Adjournment

Chair Pile thanked everyone for their time and a productive meeting. Chair Pile requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Alfonso De Torres Núñez and seconded by Lu Young. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 P.M. ET.